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I believe the Department of Justice's proposed settlement with Microsoft is excessively lenient. It does not go far enough to prevent future abuses of Microsoft's monopoly position, and it does not punish Microsoft enough for past illegal activity.

Microsoft was found to have acted illegally. It also committed perjury during the trial, by introducing doctored evidence. For that reason alone, I can understand Judge Jackson's attitude toward Microsoft. I frankly think that the Judge's ruling ordering the split did not go too far. It is the only remedy that has a chance to reign in Microsoft's illegal activities without requiring continuous government monitoring. At the very least, the proposed remedy put forth by the dissenting states is more appropriate than the Department of Justice proposal.

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